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SUBJECT: EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN PRESIDENTS FORD AND
MARCOS

REF: STATE 045503, MANILA 2664

I FIND THE SUGGESTED LETTER FORCED AND BADLY SELF-SERVING.
I SUGGEST YOU REJECT THE IDEA AND INFORM THE SECRETARY OF MY
VIEWS AS FOLLOWS. WE DO NOT NEED TO INTERJECT OURSELVES INTO
ASEAN AT THIS TIME. IN PLACE OF SUCH A PHONY LETTER IF WE THINK
IT NECESSARY TO HAVE THE PRESIDENT COMMUNICATE WITH MARCOS
(AND I'M NOT CERTAIN THAT IS THE BEST THING TO DO AT THIS POINT)
I SUGGEST WE THINK IN TERMS OF SOMETHING AT OUTSET OF
NETOTIATIONS ON BASE AGREEMENTS. IN SHORT I'M NOT KEEN ON
COMMUNICATING
ON ASEAN WITH MARCOS. DESPITE EARLIER TALK ABOUT PHILIPPINES
BEING POINT OF CONTACT ON ASEAN ECONOMICS, I DO NOT THINK WE
WANT TO PUSH IDEA THAT MARCOS IS OUR CHANNEL TO SEA LEADERS.
LET US WAIT A MOMENT LONGER BEFORE WE RUN AFTER ASEAN AND NOT
USE THIS PATENTLY BLATANT EXCUSE TO WRITE TO MARCOS.
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